

Abolitionists

Were they crazy or just religious?

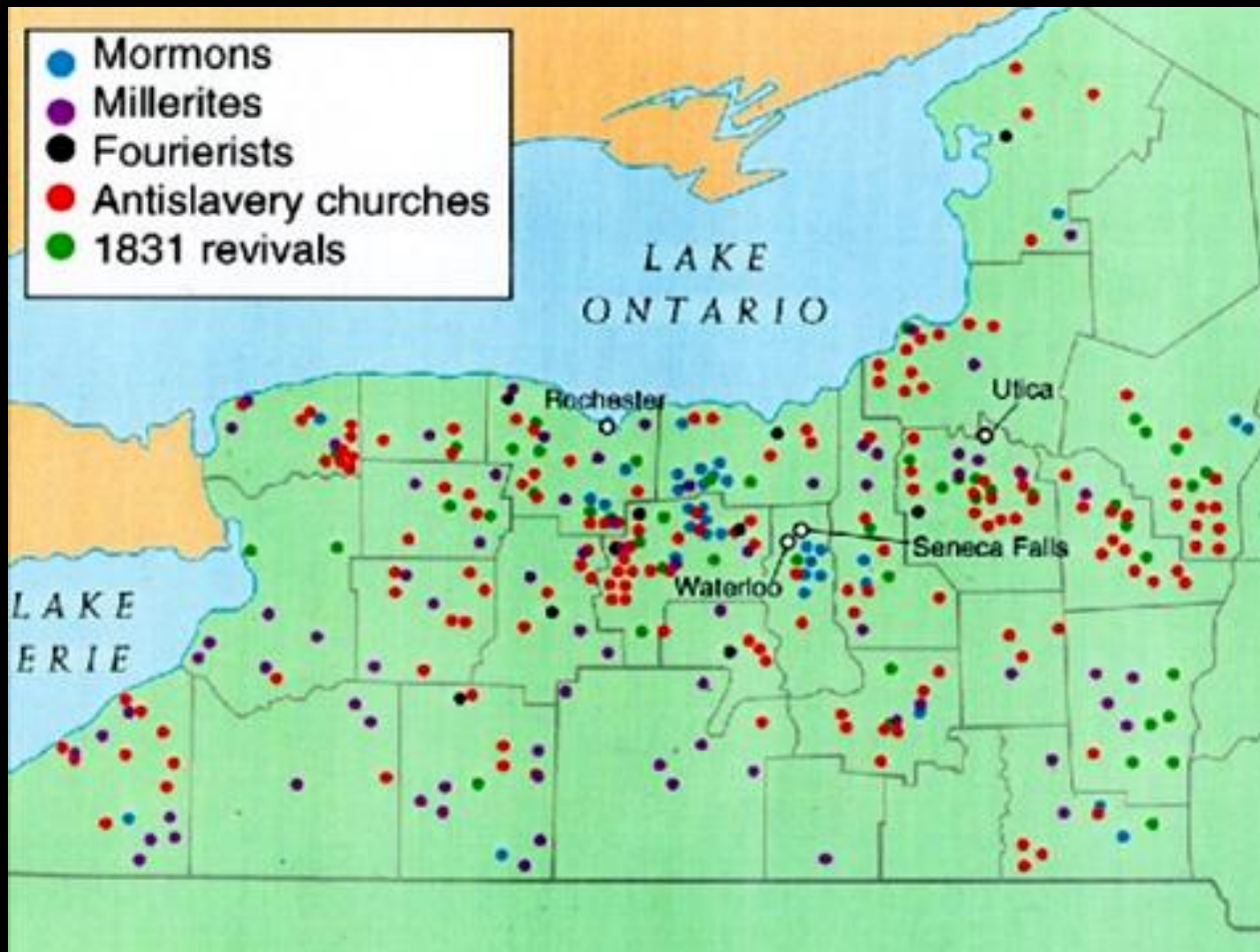
AP Exam Question 1979

- American social reform movements from 1820 to 1860 were characterized by unyielding perfectionism, impatience with compromise, and distrust of established social institutions. These qualities explain the degree of success or failure of these movements in achieving their objectives.
- Discuss with reference to the anti-slavery and one other movement (such as women's rights.)

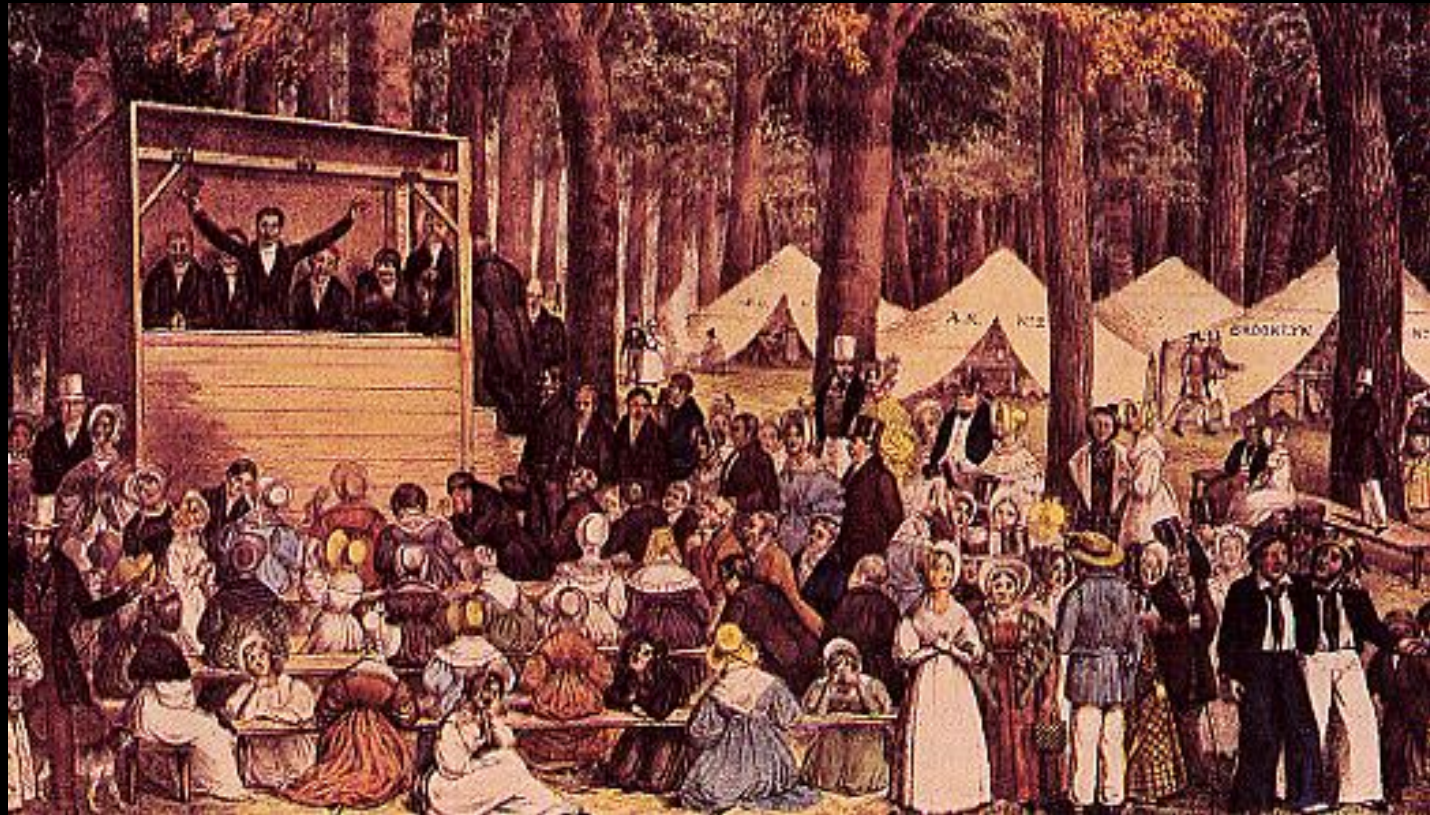
“The Benevolent Empire”: 1825 - 1846



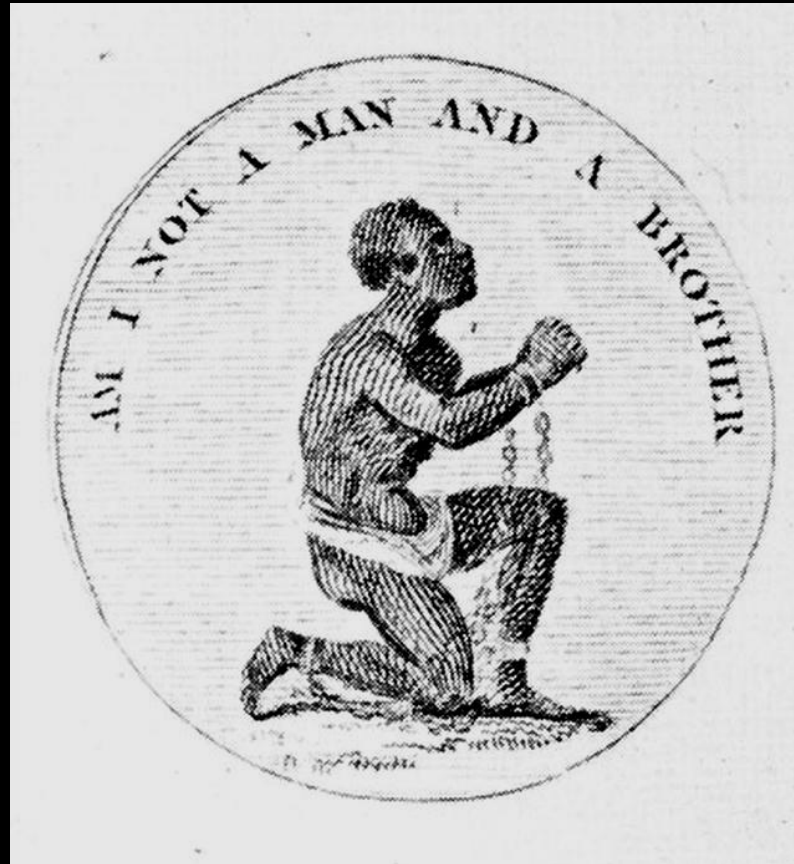
The “Burned-Over” District in Upstate New York



Second Great Awakening Revival Meeting



**m, 1816 → American Colonization Society
created (gradual, voluntary
emancipation).**

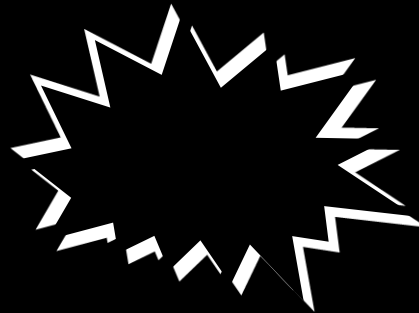


Abolitionist Movement

Ⓜ Create a free slave state in Liberia, West Africa.

Ⓜ No real anti-slavery sentiment in the North in the 1820s & 1830s.

Gradualists



Immediatists

Anti-Slavery Alphabet



A is an Abolitionist—
A man who wants to free
The wretched slave—and give to all
An equal liberty.



B is a Brother with a skin
Of somewhat darker hue,
But in our Heavenly Father's sight,
He is as dear as you.



C is the Cotton-field, to which
This injured brother's driven,
When, as the white man's slave, he toils
From early morn till even.



D is the Driver, cold and stern,
Who follows, whip in hand,
To punish those who dare to rest,
Or disobey command.

William Lloyd Garrison

(1801-1879)



Ⓜ Slavery & Masonry undermined republican values.

Ⓜ Immediate emancipation with NO compensation.

Ⓜ Slavery was a moral, not an economic issue.



- On this subject, I do not wish to think, or to speak, or write, with moderation. No! no! Tell a man whose house is on fire to give a moderate alarm; tell him to moderately rescue his wife from the hands of the ravisher; tell the mother to gradually extricate her babe from the fire into which it has fallen; -- but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present. I am in earnest -- I **will** not equivocate -- I **will** not excuse -- I **will** not retreat a single inch -- AND I **WILL BE HEARD.**

Liberty Party



- James Birney ran for President 1840 & 1844
- Other White abolitionists—
- Lewis and Arthur Tappan
- (*Amistad* case)



David Walker

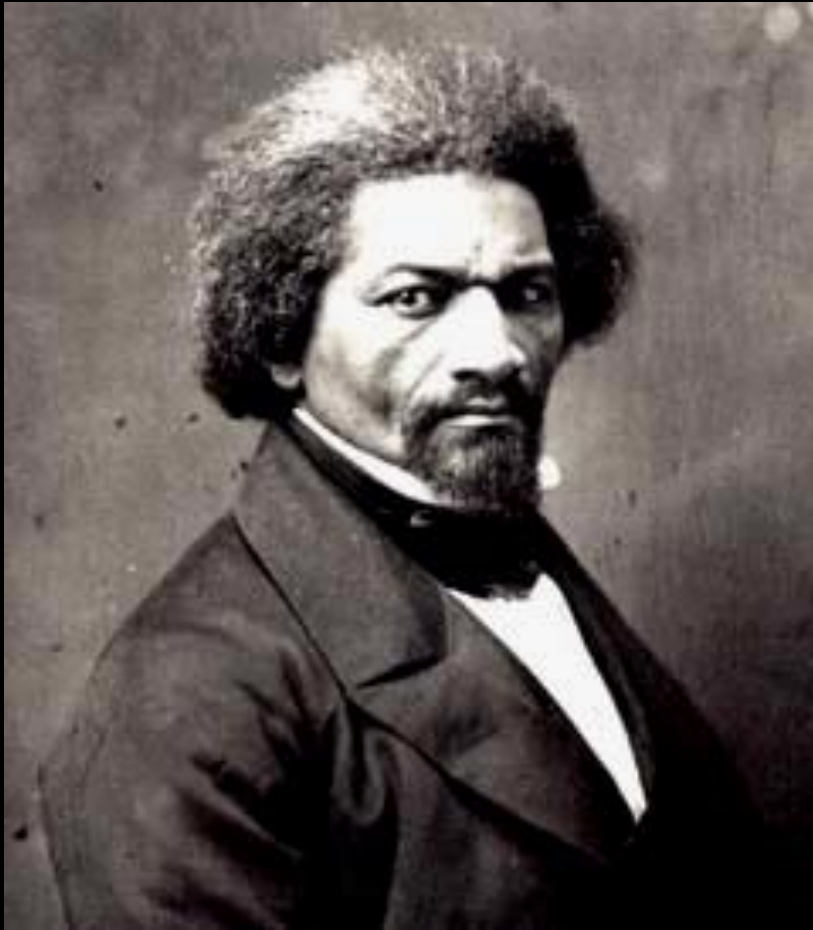
1785-1830

picture is of son Edward

1829 → *Appeal to the Coloured
Citizens of the World*

**Fight for freedom rather than
wait to be set free by whites.**

Frederick Douglass (1817-1895)



1845 → *The Narrative
of the Life Of
Frederick Douglass*

1847 → "The North
Star"

Sojourner Truth (1787-1883)

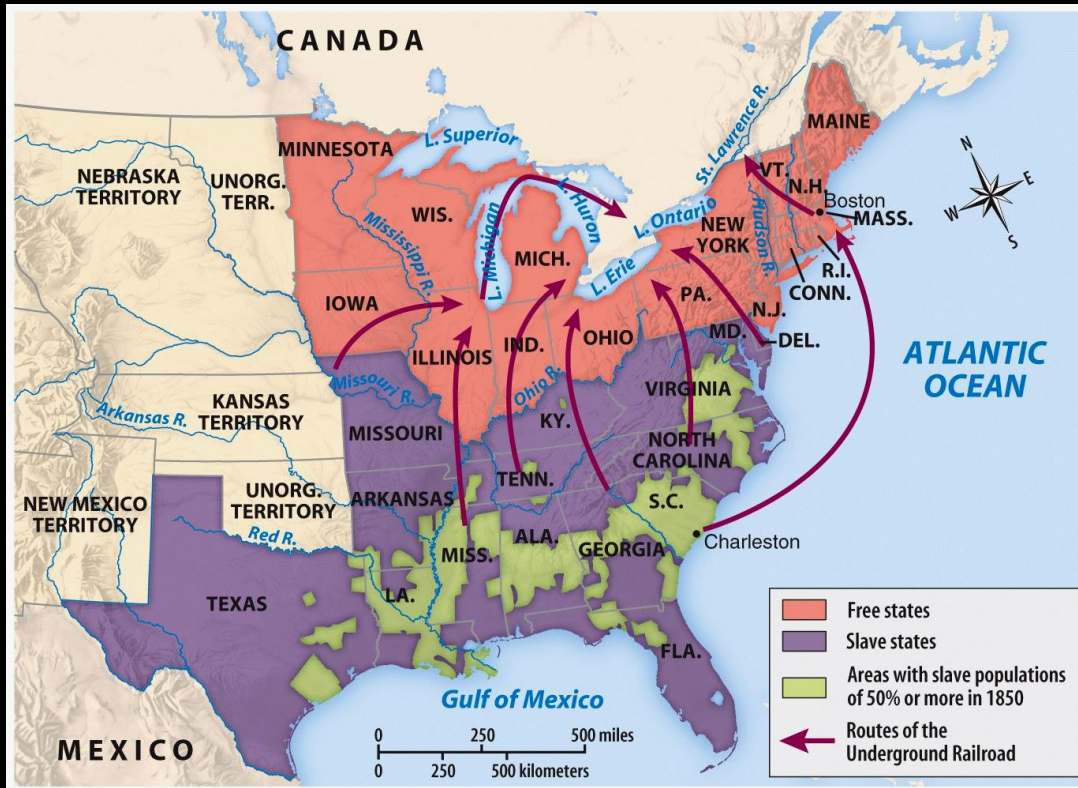
or Isabella Baumfree



1850 → *The Narrative of Sojourner Truth*

Harriet Tubman (1820-1913)

**Helped over 300
slaves to freedom.**



JOHN BROWN

1800-1859



- Swore to dedicate his life to the freedom of enslaved people
- Killed five pro-slavery neighbors with a broadsword in Kansas
- Led a raid on a federal arsenal in Harpers Ferry, Virginia, hoping to start a slave revolt.
- A terrorist in the South, a martyr in the North

Can terrorism ever be good?

